

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## Behold the Good Work

When people are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire they have to work for the Lord in some way. They just can't keep quiet like other people. They do not have to be forced into service, they serve because they want to serve. They may have to be urged to do some things that they feel they are not able to do, but they are always willing workers and always workers at something in His service.

The Jewish rulers ordered the Apostles to hold their peace and stop their preaching, but they said they could not do it. I guess the fire in them got so hot they had to give vent to it and risk being whipped and imprisoned. They decided they would rather take a whipping than to stop. And when they were lashed and beaten about they did not seem to mind it, they just went on any way. In that early time they rejoiced when they were beaten, and sang when they were put in prison and their feet were fastened in the stocks.

I guess any body that has the Holy Ghost would do the same way under the same circumstances. I don't see how I could quit if such a demand should be made. I feel compelled by an unseen force. I have to do something. Some times I hardly feel like taking time to eat, and I would not sleep at all if I could get along without it, and if I were not compelled to stay so close to my work here at the office to keep up I'd be all over town and do my best to stir the men and women to some kind of action.

Our people are workers. The ministers are on their jobs. Reports show that they are not idle by any means. Reports for March read well. Here they are:

Homes Visited .....	6,513
Services Conducted .....	4,479
Sermons Preached .....	4,854
Number Converted .....	729
" Sanctified .....	590
" Baptized with Holy Ghost .....	379
" Baptized with water .....	155
" Added to the Church .....	377
" New Churches organized .....	6

These reports show that the work is still moving on. Six new churches in one month is no bad work. We may do more than that during better and more favorable months. Hope to have April and May reports ready soon. And we expect June, July and August to run away up because these usually are the great harvest months. Let us all pray and work together for the salvation of the lost. Much depends on us and we must do our part toward the evangelization of the world.

## The Weak are to be Supported

**Healing for the Body**

Only a few years ago very few people knew anything about healing for the body being covered by the atonement. This truth dawned upon me about twenty-seven years ago and it has been very sacred to me all these years. Doctors' bills have never given me any trouble. My children have never known anything about taking medicine. I have been delighted to recommend the power of the Lord for healing to other people.

The Church of God stands unflinchingly for this Bible doctrine. Our members are not expected to use medicine under any circumstances. They may get sick like other people, but instead of sending for a physician they send for the elders of the Church to come and pray for them. We do not consider that men who are ordained as ministers are the only ones to pray, but any body can pray. And often a few of the members pray for the sick and anoint them with oil and the sick are healed just as well as when the ministers pray.

Almost any of us floundered around and were uncertain and not always dependable when we first started. Go back over our

The teaching on healing is very common now. The Scriptures are full of it and we cannot preach the full gospel without the subject of healing. "Who healeth all thy diseases," is as common as, "Ye must be born again." Praying for the sick is as common as praying for the sinner. It is our duty to pray for sinners to be saved from their sins, and it is our privilege to pray for the sick to be healed. God answers prayer and thousands are healed by the power of God.

By practicing the Bible way of healing as we are it will be perfectly natural for the incoming generation to believe God for healing and they will never think of using medicine or calling physicians in case of sickness. The little children all about are saying, "Pray, papa, pray!! This is all they know and their faith is so perfect that the healing is almost always sure.

We pray for hundreds of sick people here at headquarters. I used to go at every beck and call both around home and off at a distance. I can't do this any more since I am kept so close here with the publishing house business. I scarcely ever go now but they often bring their sick here. But the common way now is by sending requests by wire and letter, and by sending handkerchiefs and aprons. We pray for the sick every day, but on Sunday about 12:30 we have special prayer and every Sunday we have from twenty to forty handkerchiefs to pray over besides quite a number of requests. When this time comes we spread the handkerchiefs out on the altar and the saints gather around and the prayers are offered up in the earnestness of our souls. We are often reminded of the experience of the apostles when the sick folks were brought in on couches and beds and placed in the streets with a hope that even a shadow of Peter might fall upon them. We think of every handkerchief representing a sick person, and when we have forty or fifty handkerchiefs we think of being in the midst of that many sick folks. And oh, how the saints pray!

Then, as we cannot get to the people so we can anoint them and lay our hands on them we lay our hands on the handkerchiefs and anoint them and send them to be placed on the sick ones. Many have sent us the good news of instantaneous healing when the handkerchief touched the body, while others have stated that they began to amend that very hour. And either way God gets the glory.

lives and think of the many times we were in slippery paths and almost gone, and if we had been under the care of some who seem radically careful about how people live we would have been excluded from the Church. But by those older than ourselves exercising patience, encouraging us instead of criticizing us we got so far along after a while that we could get along better and quit our stumbling and falling about here and there.

The older people and those in authority need much patience in carrying beginners along in the Church. Children are not thrown out of the home when little just because they disobey or go places they should not. They may be punished for their disobedience, but even then they are given plenty to eat, good clothes and a good place to sleep. If some of our young people were taken as good care of in times of disobedience as our children are doubtless we would have more of them in the Church today. And this is one of the objects in organizing the churches into classes with a class leader over each class. It is the duty of the class leader to take good care of every member of the class and help them to be better instead of reporting them up if they seem to step aside a time or two and have them excluded.

Ezekiel tells of a class of strong members who do not have patience with the weak but thrust them aside and scatter them abroad. This condition is deplorable and God has said He would visit these unmerciful people with judgment. A certain pastor influenced his members in a manner that they took up and turned out every one that did not measure up to the standard as he saw it. He was the cause of many heart aches and did not seem to care. He was going to have the Church "cleaned up." Well, he cleaned it up all right, but lost a lot of members. It was a year or two, probably more, when he fell into a trap himself, and at once he remembered how rigid and radical he had been, and he felt that God let him fall because he had dealt with his members without mercy. He had caused the hearts of many to ache and suffer and now it came back on him in full force. And so it will do on any one sooner or later. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." And if one sows to the wind he will reap the whirlwind. It will always pay to show mercy to the wayward soul. It is better to admonish and love and rebuke and forgive and bear with them a long time. Patience is one of the qualifications of a Bishop, and this virtue will enable one to bear a long time with another.

Paul's exhortation to support the weak is followed immediately by the words, "Be patient toward all men." The revised version reads, "Be long suffering toward all men." And in the same exhortation he says, "Warn them that are unruly," the revised reads, "Admonish the disorderly." Now there is the whole of it right there. Now to make my point clearer read the whole verse in the revised version, "And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all men." (1 Thes. 5:14) And to help out further in this I want you to read this verse in the Syriac, "And we entreat you, my brethren, that ye admonish the faulty, and encourage the faint-hearted, and bear the burdens of the weak, and be longsuffering towards all men."

Paul tells us of babes that need only milk and cannot eat strong meat. In this illustration he refers to the spirit and not the body, because he calls them "babes in Christ." These are beginners in the Christian life and need the help, sympathy and support of those who are older and stronger in the faith. It will not do to throw the young converts away and turn them out of the Church because they do not act and talk like one that has been a Christian ten or fifteen years.

Here in the Church are unruly people, and they are to be warned, not turned out. In the Church are some who are disorderly, they are to be admonished, not excluded. In the

Church are some faulty people, but they are not to be disfellowshipped and cease to be members, they are to be admonished. All of this is in that one verse in the three different translations. I do not say that no one should ever be excluded from the Church, but I do say that none should be excluded until they go so far in the wrong that there is no ray of hope to recover them. Every effort should be made to recover the faulty and those who have transgressed and become disloyal.

you may not get one if you delay a day.

Help us spread the good news by working for the Evangel. Our friends have been doing faithful service for the Master in soliciting subscriptions for the paper and many are still working, but we always want to gain more friends who feel it is a good way to spread the good news. Send for free copies to help you introduce it into new homes.

Now is the time for all the Sunday schools to place their orders for literature for next quarter. The cards and large picture rolls are beautiful. The quarterlies and lesson leaves are full of good milk and meat for the soul and Bible instructions. I presume your schools are all growing so you will probably need to increase your orders some this time. It always pays to have a plenty for all.

Some have written to enquire more about the loan department. They want to know if we still accept money as a loan to work for the Church of God. In reply to this question we answer that we do, and are glad to get it. We will pay four percent interest when it is wanted and assure the lenders that it will be used for the Church in some way all the time we have it. Why not let us have your surplus money for the time you do not need it and let it be working for the Church of God? I believe the Lord will bless all who can help in this way.

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## REQUESTS

W. J. Sperling, Ivy, Tenn., asks for  
prayer.

Blaine Weeks, Clipper, Ga., requests  
prayer for his wife and Mrs. Steak-  
ley to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

J. A. Tant, Dawson, Ala., asks the  
saints to earnestly pray for his heal-  
ing. He has been afflicted for years.

Mrs. Gertie Clark, Newport, Ark., asks  
for prayer to overcome her tempta-  
tions. Also pray for her husband.

J. W. Phillips, Lakeland, Fla., re-  
quests prayer for the success of the  
meeting at that place.

Henrietta Garrett, Bonifay, Fla., re-  
quests prayer for her body to be  
healed and for her children to be  
saved.

Mrs. Mollie Hunt, Nettleton, Miss., de-  
sires prayer for her son to be saved,  
sanctified and filled with the Holy  
Ghost.

Ora Dell Whittington, Blenheim, S. C.,  
wants all the dear saints to pray for  
her father, mother, brothers and  
sisters to be saved.

Homer Wright, Indiana, Miss., wishes  
the saints to pray for his three brothers to  
be saved, sanctified and filled with the  
Holy Ghost.

Letie M. King, Rienzi, Miss., wishes  
the saints to pray for her husband to  
be saved, sanctified and filled with the  
Holy Ghost.

Mamie Hunt, Nettleton, Miss., wants  
all who read this to pray for a  
friend to be saved, sanctified and  
filled with the Holy Ghost.

Joseph Wm. Barker, Center, N. Dak.,  
asks the saints of God to pray for  
the establishment of a Church of  
God at that place. A tent meeting  
is in progress there.

R. E. Holder, Montague, Tex., asks  
the prayers of all the saints that her  
health may be restored and that she  
will be able to support her children  
and raise them for God.

Mrs. M. F. Blackwell, Ellisville, Miss.,  
asks the saints to pray that she and  
her family will be filled with the  
Holy Ghost and for a Church of God  
preacher to be sent there.

Mrs. Ollie May Johann, St. Louis, Mo.,  
requests prayer for the healing of  
her husband and little girl who  
have troublesome coughs and for  
her family to be saved.

Leola Odum, Walnut Grove, Ala., de-  
sires earnest prayer of the saints  
that she and her husband will be  
saved, sanctified and filled with the  
Holy Ghost, and for their loved ones  
to see the light on holiness.

Desbie Leguire, Oneida, Tenn., asks  
the saints to pray for a friend who  
desires to be sanctified and filled  
with the Holy Ghost. Pray for her  
good time in general.

to bear her troubles and for her hus-  
band to be saved, sanctified and  
filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Belle Mobley, Stewart, Miss., de-  
sires the saints to pray earnestly for  
her father and mother, ages ninety-  
one and eighty-four, to see the true  
light on God's Word and feel the  
joy of His presence in this life. Al-  
so pray for her family and other  
loved ones.

## NOTICES

The Lord willing, I will begin a  
revival meeting at Highspire, Pa.,  
June 10th. I will try my best to get  
a Church of God. Pray for us.

Your little brother,  
W. M. Rumier,  
Cedar Grove, W. Va.

Our Bryson City district convention  
will be held at Ravensford, N. C.  
church, July 21-23, D. V. I want all  
pastors, evangelists, deacons, clerks  
and treasurers to be present, and any  
one else who can. Come expecting  
the Lord to be present.

Yours in His service,  
Geo. T. Brouayer, overseer of N. C.

The Anniston district meeting will  
convene at Crumley Chapel church,  
Cleburne county, July 6-9. I want all  
the deacons and evangelists to be  
present. Wagons will be at Heflin to  
carry all who may come, to the church.

Your unworthy servant,  
O. A. Cox, district pastor,  
Pell City, Ala.

A revival will begin at the Church  
of God about two miles southwest of  
Williston, Fla., June 29th and continue  
ten days, longer if the Lord leads.  
Everybody come. We are expecting  
the Lord to have His way. Everybody  
pray for a host of souls to sweep into  
the kingdom of God.

Humbly,  
H. L. Chesser.

The Copperhill district convention  
will convene at Copperhill, Tenn.,  
June 24-25. We want as many from  
the district with us as can attend, es-  
pecially the pastors and clerks, every-  
body invited.

We will observe the Lord's supper  
and feet washing. M. W. Letsinger,  
state overseer, will be in charge. We  
are looking forward for a good time.  
T. F. Bryant, district overseer.

To whom it may concern and es-  
pecially the one that has been asking  
me through the mail to pray for him  
and others, if your matter is not im-  
portant enough to sign your name and  
the names of the parties that you  
want me to pray for I do not think  
it worthy of my prayer and I con-  
sign it to the waste basket.

Geo. T. Brouayer.

To All Whom it May Concern:  
We will have our state convention  
at Sapulpa, Okla., beginning July 1st  
and continuing as long as the Lord  
leads.

I certainly want all the ministers  
in Oklahoma to be present for I want  
to divide the country into districts.

We are expecting M. S. Lemons and  
Sister Pressgrove and others to be  
with us. Oklahoma must come to the  
front. The Lord is with us and who  
can be against us? I am praying for  
God to send laborers into this state.

Come to Sapulpa July 1st and en-  
quire for Brother Jim Buckley or  
Brother Asa L. Ellis, 606 South  
Water St.

For further information write me  
at Sapulpa, Okla., Box 399.

I ask all the dear saints to earnest-  
ly pray for this meeting.

Yours truly,  
B. H. Dose, overseer of Oklahoma.

Some things you should know about  
the Goldsmith camp meeting:

We are going to have a very large  
attendance.

We are going to have an excellent  
program.

M. S. Lemons will be here to teach  
Bible every day and preach some, too.

We are going to have some fine  
preachers here.

No one should expect free enter-  
tainment in the homes except those  
on the program.

Everyone should bring bedding;  
shelter will be furnished for all and  
you can get feed here for your stock.

We will have a good restaurant on  
the ground where all can eat.

Goldsmith is on the Georgia and  
Florida railroad, eight miles south of  
Hazlehurst, Ga.

You can bring your utensils and  
cook your own provisions if you wish.

We are expecting all the judges to  
be here; all who desire license for  
bishop, deacon, or evangelist need to  
be present.

Brother Latimer, our state overseer,  
will conduct the state assembly; we  
expect to do our best to make it  
pleasant and enjoyable for every one;  
it will continue eight days.

We expect the Lord to be here in  
mighty power and fill quite a number  
with the Holy Ghost.

S. J. Heath, district overseer.

July 4th will be home coming day  
for the church at East Chattanooga,  
Tenn. All are invited to attend and  
we especially insist on all the mem-  
bers being present on that day. If  
any of the members live so far away  
that it is impossible for you to come  
we insist on you writing a few lines  
to be read to the church on that day,  
telling how you are enjoying salva-  
tion and how well satisfied you are  
with your place in the body of Christ,  
the Church of God.

There will be an all day service;  
some and bring a full basket of din-  
ner. The program will consist of  
good music, preaching, praying, testi-  
monies, roll call of members and a

Brother Arthur White and his class  
of Cleveland will have charge of the  
music. Brother J. B. Ellis and other  
ministers will be present to preach  
on that day.

The home coming day, July 4th,  
will mark the beginning of a glorious  
revival at East Chattanooga, conduct-  
ed by J. B. Ellis.

Brother Ellis has had much experi-  
ence in revival work and in one of the  
best revivals of the day. He is also  
one of the twelve elders of the  
Church and is able to teach as well  
as revive all who will hear him. It  
will do any one good to attend this  
revival so come along and let us deny  
ourselves of a few things of this life  
for a spiritual uplift in an old time  
Pentecostal revival.

If you live too  
far away to come and go you are  
invited to come and stay. The people  
of East Chattanooga are big hearted  
and liberal and all who will attend  
this meeting for what good they can  
get and do will be welcome. If you  
have a small tent bring it and camp;  
if not, we will do all we can to assist  
you in getting a room or a place to  
stay.

Don't forget the date and pray from  
the time you read this notice till July  
4th, for the greatest revival the  
country has ever known to break out  
in East Chattanooga and for it to last  
till Jesus comes.

Oh, praise God, I feel something pec-  
uliar going through my very being  
as I write these words, I believe it is  
the spirit of what I am writing about.  
Hark! I hear the sound of abundance  
of rain. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in  
the time of the latter rain." Zech.  
10:7. Pray! Pray! Pray!

Your little brother and pastor,  
J. P. Hughes.

## IN MEMORY OF

### HERRINGTON

It is with sorrow and sadness that  
we announce the death of Sister  
Bertha Herrington, about 28 years of  
age, who went home to be with Jesus  
April 1, 1922, after suffering untold  
agonies for about four months.

She had been a true child of God  
for about five years. She lived the  
life every day and was very humble.  
How we miss her sweet presence. She  
was a sister to be depended on in  
time of need, willing to help the sick  
any time of the night. She joined the  
Church of God a few months before  
she took sick.

We told the doctor we had prayed  
for the baby. The neighbors saw the  
doctor come and they came over to  
see who was sick but the baby was  
sleeping peacefully. Others came over  
after supper to see the sick baby but  
the baby was well, up to the supper  
table having a good time. The neigh-  
bors were surprised but we told them  
we prayed and God healed the baby.

We want the Lord to send some  
one to Lake Wales to preach the gos-  
pel. We believe God will work. Pray  
for our loved ones to be saved.

A friend and brother in Christ,  
J. E. Reynolds,  
Hazlehurst, Ga.

### McLOWD

On March 10, 1922, God saw best  
to call Brother George McLowd, age  
about 65 years of age, home to heaven.

About four years ago he was saved,  
sanctified and filled with the Holy  
Ghost. He has been a faithful member  
of the Church of God ever since.  
He filled his place at church as long  
as he was able to go. He trusted and  
praised God until the last.

He left a faithful wife and seven  
children, relatives and friends to  
mourn his death.

His funeral service was conducted  
by the writer and his body was laid  
to rest in the Mt. Sinai cemetery to  
await the coming of our Lord.

His pastor,  
J. C. Lentz,  
Foxworth, Miss.

### ANDERSON

Our dear Brother Anderson of Mor-  
ristown, Tenn., departed this life May  
26, 1922, to live with Jesus.

He is gone from our sight but that  
pleasant look he always wore on his  
face still seems to linger. Brother An-  
derson sure stood by the Church of  
God and her ministers. His home  
was always open to all who would  
abide with him.

He put his medicine away and trust-  
ed in the Lord. He said if he were  
healed God would do it. Before he  
died he said his suffering was over  
and that all was well. His wife said  
he wore the sweet smile till he passed  
away. He is gone but not forgotten.

Everyone should bring his death  
shelter will be furnished for all and  
you can get feed here for your stock.

We will have a good restaurant on  
the ground where all can eat.

Goldsmith is on the Georgia and  
Florida railroad, eight miles south of  
Hazlehurst, Ga.

You can bring your utensils and  
cook your own provisions if you wish.

We are expecting all the judges to  
be here; all who desire license for  
bishop, deacon, or evangelist need to  
be present.

Brother Latimer, our state overseer,  
will conduct the state assembly; we  
expect to do our best to make it  
pleasant and enjoyable for every one;  
it will continue eight days.

We expect the Lord to be here in  
mighty power and fill quite a number  
with the Holy Ghost.

S. J. Heath, district overseer.

July 4th will be home coming day  
for the church at East Chattanooga,  
Tenn. All are invited to attend and  
we especially insist on all the mem-  
bers being present on that day. If  
any of the members live so far away  
that it is impossible for you to come  
we insist on you writing a few lines  
to be read to the church on that day,  
telling how you are enjoying salva-  
tion and how well satisfied you are  
with your place in the body of Christ,  
the Church of God.

There will be an all day service;  
some and bring a full basket of din-  
ner. The program will consist of  
good music, preaching, praying, testi-  
monies, roll call of members and a

Brother Arthur White and his class  
of Cleveland will have charge of the  
music. Brother J. B. Ellis and other  
ministers will be present to preach  
on that day.

Brother Ellis has had much experi-  
ence in revival work and in one of the  
best revivals of the day. He is also  
one of the twelve elders of the  
Church and is able to teach as well  
as revive all who will hear him. It  
will do any one good to attend this  
revival so come along and let us deny  
ourselves of a few things of this life  
for a spiritual uplift in an old time  
Pentecostal revival.

The funeral was conducted by  
Brother J. A. Brown and his body was  
laid to rest in the Forest cemetery to  
await the coming of our Lord.

His affectionate daughter,

Ellen Massey,  
Bridgeport, Ala.

# THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

(Apocalypse, Chapter 16)

F. J. Lee

Ques. What did John hear from the temple in heaven?

Ans. He heard a great voice saying to the seven angels, "Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."

Ques. What will the vials contain?

Ans. They will contain the culmination of the wrath of God manifested in the seven last plagues.

Ques. What will be the first plague when the first angel pours out his vial?

Ans. Grievous sores come upon the inhabitants. The Syriac says a painful and malignant ulcer.

Ques. Will this come upon all inhabitants of the earth?

Ans. No. Only those who will have received the mark of the beast, and those who worship his image.

Ques. What will take place when the second angel pours out his vial?

Ans. The sea becomes as the blood of dead men and every living soul in the sea dies. Verse 3. Just think of the stench from the sea.

Ques. What happens when the third vial is poured out?

Ans. The rivers and fountains (meaning all fresh waters) turn to blood.

Ques. What will the angel of the waters say about the judgment sent on the inhabitants?

Ans. He will proclaim the Lord righteous because of this judgment, though men are perishing for water.

Ques. Why will causing the inhabitants to drink blood be referred to as a righteous judgment?

Ans. Because they have shed the blood of saints and prophets they will, therefore, be forced to drink blood. Verse 6.

Ques. Who will at this time confirm the statement that this is a righteous judgment?

Ans. Another from the altar said, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."

Ques. What will take place with the outpouring of the fourth vial?

Ans. The sun will scorch men with fire.

Ques. Will they repent under this great plague?

Ans. No. They will be so given to Satan that they will not repent, but blaspheme God because of the plagues.

Ques. Where will the fifth vial be poured?

Ans. It will be poured upon the seat of the beast.

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. Doubtless, this means the place where the antichrist has his throne. The Syriac says, "Poured his cup upon the throne."

Ques. What happens in his kingdom?

Ans. Darkness settles down over his kingdom.

Ques. Is this spiritual darkness?

Ans. No. This will have already been settled down on them but this is literal darkness as it was over the Egyptians, which was so dark that they could feel the darkness but it didn't efface the children of Israel. This will efface only the antichrist's kingdom, not God's people. Ex. 10.

Ques. With the pain from the malignant ulcers intensified by searching from the sun, also for the lack of water to cool their parched tongues, and they being closed in upon by such dense darkness which can be felt, what will all this cause the inhabitants to do?

Ans. They will gnaw their tongues for pain.

Ques. Will this now cause them to repent?

Ans. No. They will blaspheme God because of their pains and repent not of their deeds.

Ques. Why will they not repent?

Ans. They can't because they will have received the mark of the beast during the last half of the tribulation, their doom will be sealed on that act. The faithful tribulation saints will be standing upon the sea of glass at that time.

Ques. What happens at the outpouring of the sixth vial?

Ans. The great Euphrates river will be dried up.

Ques. Will there be a great drought at that time?

Ans. There is much evidence that there will be a great drought. Elijah will be on the scene, chapter eleven says they have power to shut the heavens, that it rain not during the days of their prophecy, which will be three and a half years, corresponding doubtless to the three years and a half drought in Ahab's day. Jeremiah says the streams will be turned into pitch. The drought perhaps will be partly the cause of the great famine, it will dry up the tongue of the Egyptian sea and also the seven streams. The very earth will be so dry that it will easily catch on fire, thus making preparation for the great burning in the day of the Lord.

Ques. Is not this drying up of the Euphrates nothing more than the waning power of the Turkish nation?

Ans. I know it is so understood by some but is only conjecture and foreign to Bible teaching.

Ques. What special benefit at this time will be the drying up of the Euphrates river?

Ans. It will make way for the coming of the kings from the direction of the east (Sy. sun-rising) doubtless the antichrist's kings referred to as the ten horns, perhaps not all ten from that direction, but they with their armies will be greatly represented in the great valley of destruction. This river has been a hinderance to armies but at this special gathering it will not hinder the speedy mobilizing to destruction.

Ques. What will be the cause of the to get out of it. God does not tell e

man not to do a thing and then tell him to go do it, unless it is like He told Balaam when he wanted to curse the children of Israel. Num. 22:12, 20. Even if God did tell him to go His anger was kindled against him.

Some may be like this. They would like to come into the Church of God but they can't agree with us on a few points such as baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and the Trinity. They say baptize in Jesus' name and that there is only one in the godhead—Jesus only. Jesus told His disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19. And His words are true. There are plenty Scriptures to prove there are three in the godhead. In John 14:16 Jesus said, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." In many other places He speaks of three. Even the crazy man knew that Jesus was the Son of God. Matt. 8:29; Luke 8:28; Mark 5:7.

There are many people unsettled on these subjects and are praying for the Lord to show them the truth about it. I am afraid a great many of them pray like this, "Lord, I know Thou art blessing the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn., and I would like to be a member but I can't agree with them about the Trinity and the formula they use in baptizing and a few more things such as tithing and the government and, Lord, I want You to show me what is right." About that time his mind is running back to some big sermon in opposition to the Trinity and advocating baptizing in Jesus' name. He is hoping it is like his preacher said it was. About that time he falls into a trance of some kind and sees wonderful things in his favor. The fact of the matter is, he didn't love the truth at the start. The truth is just what Jesus said about it, but he hadn't received the love for it and, therefore, God has given him over to strong delusions that he should believe a lie. It is very dangerous not to love the truth enough to do what it says but, thank God, there are a few who are doing what it says and God is setting His approval on them.

Let us consider Paul's case and see what he did when he got converted. I am sure all will say he did the right thing. Did he obey them that had the rule over him? Let us consider and see. We remember how he persecuted the saints and was present at the death of Stephen and got out papers to arrest all he found of the faith. Finally he was struck down by the power of God and was converted. The Lord talked to him and upon Paul's request to know what to do, He told him to go to Damascus and there it would be told him what to do. He went on to Damascus and God had a man there and told him where to find Paul. After he found him, he laid his hands on him and Paul received his sight and the Holy Ghost. Paul then preached in Damascus awhile. "Yes," some will say, "but he didn't join any church or come under any rule of any one. He was letting the Holy Ghost lead him." To be sure he was and let us see what it lead him to do. After having preached in Damascus quite awhile he went to Jerusalem. What for? To join himself to the disciples which he did after Barnabas pled his case for him. What did the Lord tell him about preaching in Jerusalem? He told him they would not hear him and to get quickly out of the city. Acts 22:18. Did Paul go? Yes, when he had taken time to join the disciples (the church) and they sent him to Tarsus. Acts 9:30. Did Paul leave Tarsus before he got any further orders? No. Barnabas was sent by the church to Antioch and on to Tarsus to seek Paul—no doubt having orders from the church to do so. This proves that Paul was not self-willed but was willing to do the right thing—to obey the ones who had the rule over him. We find the Lord wonderfully used Paul and made a man of him that was trusted with authority.

It is real sad to see some real honest hearted people who want to do the right thing taught that they do not need to listen to any one but let the Holy Ghost show them what to do. It is true the Holy Ghost will guide and lead into all truth. The truth is the whole Bible rightly divided. I am sure if any one has the Holy Ghost and keeps him, He will lead you to "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves." Heb. 13:17.

The leadings of the Holy Ghost are always in line with the Bible but when people have a spirit that leads them contrary to the Bible, it is not the Holy Spirit but a seducing spirit that Paul said some would give heed to in the latter times. 1 Tim. 4:1. He also said in 3 Tim. 3:1, "That in the last days perilous times shall come," and goes on and tells how some people will be. He tells us of nineteen dispositions of people. I am sure we have all these characters in the world to-day. The one I wish to call your attention to is ready.

Heady means to be headstrong or what you may call "having a head of your own," which means that you know better than you could be told. That's the condition of the man who won't obey them who have the rule over him.

Many such stubborn self-willed people go into fanaticism doing what they say the Lord showed them to do and some of the things they say the Lord shows them are entirely out of line with God's Word. And quite a number of these self-willed preachers have prophesied of things that would happen at a certain date and that date is passed and gone and it hasn't happened yet. This all leads me to believe they are led by a seducing spirit. It may be that they get a message in tongues and it is interpreted that such and such will happen at a certain time and it fails to come to pass. There is something wrong about it. Even if the speaker and interpreter does seem to be actuated by an unseemly power or spirit, it is not the Spirit of God that would make such mistakes. God will not tell one to do a thing and tell another it is wrong to do it. For in God there is no variableness neither shadow of turning. James 1:17. God is not as changeable as some people. Some people will say the Lord led them into the Church and after they get in and are not noticed as much as they would like, they begin to say the Lord shows them it is wrong and for them

to seek spiritual gifts, but then he said, "And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way"—follow after charity.

Read your Bible and learn of His love. Start now! Start now! Consider! Beware! Safety First!!!

"The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." 1 Thes. 5:2.

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 8:12.

My aim and object is to win souls for Christ. I am expecting to leave here and go out on the field of battle for I really feel the burden of lost souls. I am on my way to Turkey and expect to work in Akklim and Crooked Islands first.

Please pray for me that God will give me wisdom, knowledge and understanding and that I may live so low and humble at His feet that He may get the very best out of my life.

Your sister,  
Clementina J. Mallory,  
Nassau, N. P.

# THE KINGDOM, THE FAMILY, THE CHURCH AND THE BRIDE

T. S. Payne

Much has been said and written on the above subjects and many different opinions have been expressed. While we do not look to advance any new light on either subject we shall endeavor to give a few Scripture references that possibly will be some help to the honest seekers after the truth.

Among the first things that John the Baptist taught was, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Then repentance surely must be a preparatory step for the kingdom. Paul said, "He that commeth to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." John said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thus He agrees to us in on condition that we confess and believe Him, thereby translating us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son and it is this operation of the Spirit of God that makes us a child of God.

Hence we get into the kingdom of God when we are born of His Spirit. That being the case, we are not born into the Church but into the kingdom. It is possible for one man under the law of the land to adopt the other man's child into his family and by so doing he becomes his legal heir but that child could not be adopted by him and made his heir until after the natural birth of said child. Neither can we be adopted into the family of God till after we are born of the Spirit of God. In case of the child it would be necessary to have the age, sex, name etc. Paul told the Roman brethren, "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Paul gave orders in 1 Cor. 5:4, that when they had come together to put away that wicked person from among them. If these Corinthian people were born into the Church, they surely would have to become unbaptized and out of the Church would have no more to do with getting them out than bringing them in.

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In Rom. 14:17 Paul had been giving the brethren some instructions concerning their meat and said unto them, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." When we get into the kingdom we are entitled to righteousness and joy and peace. It is a kingdom of righteousness and if we are citizens of this kingdom we are certainly entitled to its privileges and blessings. We have learned in a previous ar-

icle that the Church in the wilderness was God's government there, hence the Church we read of in the New Testament today is a regular organized body of people with real Bible government. To become citizens of His government we must accept and abide by the laws of His government—the Church.

If we are born into the Church as some teach, Jude must have been mistaken when he said, "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord Jesus Christ." If people are born into the Church as some teach they are, there are some very bad people in the Church and according to that kind of doctrine—no way to get them out.

In Gal. 2:4 Paul declares positively that false brethren were brought in unawares who came in privately to spy out their liberty which they had in Christ Jesus, that they might bring them into bondage. If these were born into the Church of God at Galatia, they must have had a private birth, because the brethren did not know at the time they came in that they were false brethren.

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In 1 Cor. 12:13 Paul shows us plainly that it is by one spirit that both Jews and Gentiles are brought into one body of people, because Jesus has broken down the middle wall or partition between the two and of the two nations had made one in Christ.

Some teach that the Church is the bride. If such is the case today, the Church is not like it was in John's time. If this be true Diotrephes had the power to divorce and cast out of

the bride one who was espoused to the King. In 3 John 9, 10 we read, "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes \*\*\* casteth them out of the church." If they were the same, why did he not write Diotrephes casteth them out of the church?

The bride is beautifully set forth in Gen. 24. Isaac is a type of Jesus, the bridegroom, and Rebekah the type of the bride. She did not know that she was to be the wife of Isaac, yet she was doing the very thing that Abraham's servant prayed that the bride should do. Finally she had met all the requirements without trying to be the bride, neither did she know what was going to come to pass but in the meantime the jewelry was placed upon her. After the servant saw she had met every requirement with perfect ease on her part, he then told his mission not only to her but to the whole family as well. The whole family was not chosen but all were consulted. The final settlement was made when Rebecca said, "I will go."

"Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house." Psa. 45:10. Here is a faint picture of the bride. Look again, "Upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework." Psa. 45:9, 14.

O how beautiful to look upon, "My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her." Song of Sol. 6:9.

The Church has always had to contend with imperfections and deal with unruly people but notice the high standard of perfection to which the bride must attain.

The wise virgins of Matt. 25 are not the bride but have the glorious privilege of entering into the marriage hall with the bride because of having oil in their vessels with their lamps. These foolish ones are virgins alike but will not get to go in with the others, yet it is a fact they are members of the Church, as they surely had fellowship with those that did go in. Those who do go in are members of the Church too, yet they are not the bridehood saints.

The lowest order of saints who will get to go to the marriage supper of the Lamb are those who are filled with the Holy Ghost. The bride will be a still higher order, those who have attained unto the high standard of perfection in Christ and have come to a oneness on all lines.

(To be Continued)

## PROVE ALL THINGS—HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD. I THES. 5:21.

Chas. Meador

"I love you, mother," said little John, Then forgetting work, his cap went on; And he was off to the garden swing, Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you, mother," said rosy Nell, I love you better than tongue can tell; Then she teased and pouted full half the day, Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, mother," said little Fan, Today I'll help you all I can; How glad I am that school doesn't keep." So she rocked the baby till he fell asleep.

Then stepping softly she took the broom, And swept the floor and dusted the room;

## PARADISE LOST BUT REDEEMED

J. P. Hughes

Before we proceed with a few comfort and some bring pain but thoughts on one of the most interesting and soul cheering subjects we could think of—we wish to give occasion for this writing. The wise man says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecc. 3:1. Every subject must have a predicate and every text, a context. So it is with the mind, there must be an occasion for thought to rouse to action before it can begin to meditate upon any theme.

Our every day life is amply supplied with incidents or occurrences which open to the mind a field of thought. Some of the saddest and most heart rending things that occur in this life are occasions that start a train of glorious thoughts to running through the mind. When we read or think of the tragic event of Calvary, the mind is immediately placed upon God's redeeming love for a lost and ruined world.

When we are plunged into a state of either physical or mental suffering or when the cross seems heavy to bear, it is then we can read Rom. 8:18 and the mind is carried from the suffering to the glory that awaits the faithful, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." When we hear of the death or attend the funeral of a little child or a saint, even though the occasion is sad, the mind is directed to the place they have gone, which is glorious to think upon.

It was in the midst of a spell of grief and sorrow that the thought of "Paradise Lost but Redeemed," came rushing to my mind. One cold wintry morning I sat alone in the room by the fire. Wife was busy in the kitchen but was going very quietly about her work as was her usual manner. The hissing sound of the glowing fire was about all I could hear. Indeed it was a very quiet and lonely time when thoughts began to go through my mind of a time when I was entertained by a baby girl of three, when her mama would be busy doing for her and me. I could think of how she would climb upon my knees and brush my hair, and at the same time ask questions that would take considerable mental action to answer. Many thoughts of her clever acts and pleasant entertainment that she furnished our home went through my mind as I sat musing by the fire.

It was sweet memories indeed but they were turned into grief as it occurred to my mind that I was thinking of one that I would never see again in this life and that the sweet memories of the past were only like a dream. At this juncture I was so seized with mental agony until I exclaimed with an audible voice, "My Lord! My Lord!" Of course the Lord knew that I was suffering with a broken heart and, therefore, heard my prayer for help. It was then that my thoughts were changed and my mind went from the place our baby girl used to occupy in our home to the place she now occupies in the paradise of God. It brought great relief to my mind when I thought of how much better situated she was than myself and I began to meditate upon what man had lost in this world but was redeemed for those who are accounted worthy to obtain that world.

"Paradise Lost but Redeemed."—The text itself supplies us with an unlimited field of thought but in order to understand a text it is necessary to examine the context. Since there is so much connected with the subject to be considered and the context so great we will only attempt to give a few thoughts on the same.

First, we will speak of some of the things connected with the thought of paradise lost which brings to the mind an idea of what man has missed in this world through the fall. The word paradise is of Persian origin and was translated from the word Eden. It means, an orchard of pleasure and fruit; an ornamental garden or pleasure ground.

In the second chapter of Genesis we learn that God planted a garden eastward in Eden and made man its keeper. In that garden the Lord made to grow out of the ground every tree that was pleasant to the sight and good for food and to all of them man had free access except one. The fruit and pleasure that this ornamental garden afforded was freely given the man to enjoy. God clothed him with His glory and entertained him with His voice so that he should not want for anything. Just how long man enjoyed these blessings we do not know but we do know that mortal man does not have such a place to live now. The environments of this life are altogether different for that place was lost in the fall.

When man disobeyed God he was sent forth from the garden of fruits and pleasure to take up his abode in the place he had corrupted by his sin. Paul tells us that the present world is evil. Gal. 1:4. The world today is evil only because evil man is its occupant; being blinded by the god of this world (Satan). See 2 Cor. 4:4.

Because this world is evil, mankind is subject to toil and sorrow, pain and death from the time he enters into it until he is taken out. "Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground." Job 5:6. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Job 14:1. Trouble is as sure to come to man in this life as he lives. Life in this world is a chain of changes from birth till death. Some of them are pleasant, some unpleasant; some bring joy and some bring sorrow; some bring

into the holiest (heaven itself or paradise) by His blood, by a new and living way which He hath consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh. John 6:51; Heb. 10:9, 20. In Matt. 27:50, 51 we learn that when Jesus yielded up the ghost (that is, gave His flesh for the life of the world) the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. That of course was to signify that the way into paradise, the antitype of the holiest had been opened. When the thief who was crucified with Jesus asked to be remembered by Him as they were both going through the ordeal of death, he was told by the Lord that he should be with Him that day in paradise. Luke 23:43, 44. That day paradise was reopened or redeemed. Until that time not a single soul had entered paradise. It had been occupied by cherubims but on that day a great change took place. Jesus had given Himself a ransom for man and went by the Spirit and preached to the spirits in prison and led captivity captive. I Pet. 3:19; Eph. 4:8.

Prior to the death of Jesus the righteous souls of men were entombed in upper Hades and made prisoners of hope. When Peter rehearsed the prophecy of David concerning the resurrection and future abode of Jesus after His death, he said that His soul was not left in hell (Hades) but that He was at the right hand of God. Acts 2:30-32. Hades could not capture the soul of Jesus for He had the power over it. When He went there He took the gospel which was the key that unlocked the prison bars of death and Hades and let a multitude of captives go to paradise. Paul tells us that Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Tim. 1:10.

That Hades before the death of Jesus was divided into two parts—upper and lower is unmistakably true. In Deut. 32:22 we find that God spoke of the lowest hell (Hades). If there were the lowest hell there was evidently another above it. In Isaiah's prophecy he states that hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure. Isa. 5:14. When Jesus led the prisoners of hope to paradise, Hades was enlarged and became the habitation of only the souls of the wicked.

Since Jesus, through His flesh, has opened the way into paradise, the souls of the righteous and innocent go up. Paul said that he knew a man that was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." 2 Cor. 12:3, 4.

We cannot know what our loved ones that have gone on to paradise are talking about, as their words are too wonderful for Paul to tell us, although he heard them. Neither do we know the exact state of affairs in paradise, for we only see through a glass darkly but the time will come when we will see face to face and know even as we are known. We understand of course that that time will be after the resurrection but we are glad to know that the soul does not sleep in the dust neither is the righteous soul imprisoned any more, but goes to be with Jesus and enjoys the pleasure of paradise. It may be true that they will not eat of the tree of life or enjoy the fullness until after the first resurrection when the body and all creation will also be redeemed and the world in which we live made paradise but, nevertheless, it is evident that when Paul was caught up into paradise, he saw and heard enough of the glory of that place to make him know that for him to die was gain or, in other words, the death of the body would gain for him an entrance into a place where the happiness would far exceed that of a life in this world.

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!" Num. 23:10.

## On Life's Checker Board

A. H. Jamieson

Yes, every one of us is in the game,

playing on one side or the other and the end is near. You may be in a hard place right now and you stop and study anxiously perhaps hardly knowing what to do next but one thing is sure, you have to move when your time comes and your next move may be your last, so it is very important that you move right. How is it, reader? Whose side are you on? Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." Neutral you cannot be. You cannot serve two masters. "In him we LIVE, and MOVE, and HAVE OUR BEING." Reader, is this a real fact in your life? If so, victory is sure. If not, you are in danger now.

So many who profess to be on the

Lord's side have not made a whole hearted consecration. They seem to be adept at the game but our adversary, the devil, has only one real competitor who has ever become his conqueror on the square and that one is Jesus, and the sooner we surrender all to Him the sooner the victory is won. Amen!

Do not be deceived by Satan's flat-teries and occasional favors he may permit to come your way, even giving you the first game apparently to encourage you to self confidence and to tempt you to trust in your self righteousness etc., all with an aim to get you finally located on life's checkerboard, so bound by circumstances, so robbed of what you once possessed that to move means defeat and utter failure. Be not deceived. Many precious lives are snared by the devil and are swept off life's board of action before their time—because they were

deceived by the enemy. Jesus said, "I want to be found faithful pressing the battle here in Michigan in victory when He comes."

Humble thyself to walk with God. Abide in Him.

No one ever enters the game expecting to be loser. I don't suppose there are any among the lost in Hades who ever expected to end there in the region of the damned where there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth but the deceiver who lied to our first mother Eve has been diligently playing the same game ever since and he will beat you in the end every time, thus millions of souls are going down to eternal ruin. Don't trust in yourself. Come in the ark and play safe.

I once played checkers when a boy with just such an opponent. He did as he wished with me. No matter how carefully I played I couldn't get a king much less win a game. But one day a proficient player offered to take my place saying, "Let me beat him for you." I gladly got up and let him take my place. Then the tide turned and I enjoyed seeing my friend beat that fellow every game.

This is what Jesus offers to do for us all. He will pay all we owe and then fight our battles for us and win the victory over every foe making us overcomers and landing us safe on the other shore. Thanks be unto God who always causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus.

These are perilous times. A fierce storm is raging from shore to shore. Many are being blown away from their course by the various winds of doctrine. Others are being deceived by false lights, new revelations (?), seducing spirits, imaginary charts and doctrines of demons. Many are confused—befogged, yet they keep on going. No one can stop them or advise them—wise in their own conceit. On they go driven by some favorable wind, accompanied by many followers who, like themselves, are deceived and will not listen to any word of warning until they finally wake up on the rocks of shame and utter ruin. God is able to keep only what is committed unto Him.

There is only one set of charts that is worth buying and that is the set authorized by the U. S. government. They have the only standardized set of rules and regulations that are authentic and these are the rules that govern all ships on the coast or high seas as they go to and fro. All this information has been compiled and all these lights and buoys have been arranged by the government at great cost to insure safety to lives and property and mariners are forced by law to observe them and move accordingly.

God in His all wise providence has placed us here in this world—not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But, alas, man chose His own way and the end thereof was ruin. He then sent His servant John to prepare the way for Jesus who afterward came to "his own and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

The Chart (Holy Bible) was committed to the Church under the direction of the apostles who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to lead us safely into all truth. Those in the past who were thus guided have safely made the harbor.

Our heavenly Father has designed this great plan for the Church in these last days at great cost and to no other will He reveal the great mystery. Fellow mariners, if you want to learn how to move in safety and be a successful co-worker together with Him and His people, come into the Church where you belong—where God is working and blessing His people and performing His wonderful works. Don't let the enemy beat you. Let the Lord shut you in. Then you will learn to move in His Name! A wonderful system, nothing like it. None other worth considering if you really mean business for God and are willing to pay the price. Noah moved with fear. Amen! That is the way every body in the Church will move who knows God and are instrumental in saving souls. "Be still, and know that I am God." No more I, but Christ is our testimony.

Some one wrote a poem entitled, "Nothing Between." How blessed. But, alas, on life's checker board many have lost out right at this point, letting some little thing get in between. You know how it works. The devil gets an opening first and then he moves in between and you surely become a loser. When things get in between us and God or our fellow brother or neighbor we usually suffer loss—sometimes a hard fall. Let us watch and pray in all our moving and let nothing get in between. "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 14:11. Agree with thine adversary quickly. Amen.

Joshua was never able to get Israel into their full inheritance in Canaan but, thank God, the Holy Spirit (Captain of the Lord's host) is able to carry us right up into the King's line for He has promised to make us kings and priests unto God and His Christ. Hallelujah! I feel like traveling on.

One of these days we will make our final move over the top of all our foes. When the trumpet sounds even the dead in Christ will make one final move and together we will rise to meet Him victoriously at the end of the game. Hallelujah!

Saints, let us be faithful and keep

our eyes on the Lord and steer by the old Chart and love one another.

If ye do these things ye shall never perish.

Let us not be moved by these

light afflictions which are but for a moment. He is coming soon. Amen!

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## FATHERS AND MOTHERS

Are You Bringing Your Children up to Love God and Serve Him?

W. R. Sanders

Johnson, the drunkard, is dying today, With traces of sin on his face; He'll be missed at the club, at the bar, at the play.

Wanted, a boy for his place.

Simmons, the gambler, was killed in the fight.

He died without pardon or grace;

Some one must train for his burden and blight,

Wanted, a boy for his place.

The scoffer, the convict, the idler, the thief,

Are lost and without any noise;

Let it be known so there'll come to my instant relief,

Some thousand or more girls and boys.

Boys from the fireside, boys from the farm,

Boys from the home and the school,

Come, leave your misgivings, surely there's no harm,

Where drink and be merry is the rule.

Wanted for every lost servant of mine,

Some one to live without grace;

Some one to die without pardon divine,

Will you be the boy for the place?

Fathers and mothers, are you bringing your boys and girls up to fill these places that those other poor

eternity judgment bound creatures have filled? Are you bringing them up to love and serve God and work for Him or are you bringing that precious boy and girl up to serve the devil and fill his wants and his vacancies?

Father and mother, are you bringing them up to church and Sunday school or to go to the dance hall, theaters and the things of the world, and not to follow the meek and lowly Jesus?

You may think they are alright when they are out late at night but you never know what they are doing.

I wish every father and mother

would read the little book, A Remarkable Incident or the story of Walter.

Many boys and girls are brought up

these days to do as they please and go as they please. Is there any wonder

there is so much sin and crime going on in this world?

Fathers, if you are not careful your boys

and girls will be led astray and carried down to a life of sin that is worse than death. Oh, if parents would only take a wise man's advice, "Train up a child in the way he should go."

Parents, do you gather your children around you every night before going to bed and tell them of the many pitfalls and snares the devil has set for them and read some of the good Word and then all get down and pray and talk to the Lord asking His blessings upon them and to keep them in the way they should go, or are they off somewhere, you know not where, while just you pray a short prayer and go to bed?

Solomon said in Prov. 22:15, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." They need talking to and encouragement along the way and good books to read to keep their minds busy. I have heard it is said that an idle brain is the devil's workshop and I do not doubt it.

Let us love the young people and pray for them and be careful not to say anything that would hurt them as it is so easy to drive people away from God and especially young people who have just started out to serve God.

To the young people I would like to say, Just keep your eyes on Jesus.

We remember one time when Jesus' disciples were out at sea and the little ship was tossed about by the waves, Jesus came walking to them on the water and Peter wanted to go to Him and Jesus bid him come. Peter climbed over the side of the ship on to the water and started to go to Him. As long as he kept his eyes on Jesus he was alright but soon, no doubt, an extra large wave broke at his feet and made him afraid and he got his eyes off of Jesus on to the waves and he began to sink. It is the same way with us, if we get our eyes off of Jesus on to the things of the world and the sinful pleasure we will begin to sink but God is good and merciful and loving and ever watching over His children and if we obey Him and let His Spirit lead us we will come out victorious and can say like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7.

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